

Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said counties to furnish said committee with a statement of all sums allowed by the County Court to individuals, setting forth the several amounts and to whom made.

VIII. *Be it further enacted*, That the committee appointed by this act shall have power to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, in order to enable them to make a thorough examination and settlement with the officers aforesaid; and every person thus summoned, failing to attend, either personally or with such papers and documents as may be in their possession, at the time and place designated by said committee, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof, to be sued for in the name of the chairman of the County Court, for the use of the county: *Provided nevertheless* that no person shall be subject to the fine aforesaid who shall appear at the first Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held thereafter, and tender, on oath, a satisfactory excuse for so failing, to be judged of by the said court: *and provided further*, that no suit shall be instituted for the recovery of the penalty aforesaid until one term of said court shall have intervened.

IX. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the committee of Finance appointed under the authority of this act, to institute suits for the recovery of all monies that may be due said counties from any of the officers aforesaid, or their securities, whose accounts they may examine as aforesaid; which said suits shall be brought in the name of the chairman of the County Court, and prosecuted at the expense of the county.

X. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person, who shall be appointed by the said justices as aforesaid a member of the committee of Finance for said counties, shall refuse or neglect to serve or do his duty as a member thereof he shall be liable to a penalty of twenty five dollars for his refusal or neglect as aforesaid, to be recovered in an action of debt before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said counties, for the use of said county, to be sued for in the name of the county trustee of said counties, for the time being, or his successors in office, by any person who may sue for the same, with cost of suit: *Provided*, that no person shall be compelled to serve as a member of said committee oftener than one year in three years.

XI. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force immediately from and after the passage thereof.

#### CHAPTER XLIV.

An act to authorise the justices of the peace of Iredell county to purchase a tract of land, and erect thereon such buildings as will be suitable for the comfortable accommodation of the poor of the county.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That it shall be lawful for the Wardens of the Poor of the county of Iredell, or a majority of them, as soon as they may deem it necessary after the passage of this act, to make application to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said county; and the said court is hereby authorised and empowered, if deemed expedient by a majority of the justices, to lay a tax not to exceed ten cents on the poll, and five cents on every hundred dollars worth of land and town property, to be collected and accounted for as other taxes are, for the purpose of purchasing a suitable site, and erecting necessary buildings thereon, for the reception of the poor of said county; which tax shall be collected and accounted for to the treasurer of buildings, under the same rules and